

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-36 (canceled)

37. (Currently amended) A method of producing a ~~masonry~~ concrete block having at least one irregular split edge and surface during a splitting operation, comprising:

a) providing a first block splitting assembly that includes one or more splitting members positioned to define a splitting line and to engage a ~~masonry~~ concrete workpiece and to split it generally along the splitting line when the splitting assembly is activated and that includes a first plurality of projections adjacent the splitting line on at least one side thereof, said first plurality of projections being positioned to engage the workpiece and to break away portions of the workpiece ~~when the splitting assembly is activated~~ during the splitting operation;

b) aligning a ~~masonry~~ concrete workpiece with the splitting line; and

c) activating the first splitting assembly so that during activation the one or more splitting members engage and split the workpiece and the first plurality of projections engage and break away portions of the workpiece.

38. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37, further including the steps of:

d) providing a second splitting assembly opposed to the first splitting assembly, the second splitting assembly including one or more splitting members positioned to define the splitting line and to engage the workpiece and to split it generally along the splitting line and including a second plurality of projections adjacent the splitting line on the same side of the splitting line as the first plurality of projections of the first splitting assembly, said second plurality of projections of the second splitting assembly being positioned so that they engage the workpiece and to break away portions of the workpiece during the splitting operation, and

e) activating the first and second opposed splitting assemblies in concert, whereby the resulting ~~masonry~~ concrete block includes an opposed pair of irregular edges.

39. (Currently amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the first and second plurality of projections of the first and second splitting assemblies are provided with a plurality of projections disposed on each side of and adjacent to the splitting line.

Claims 40-54 (canceled)

55. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37, wherein the one or more splitting members is a single splitting blade ~~aligned with~~ defining the splitting line.

Claims 56-61 (canceled)

62. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37, wherein the first plurality of projections engage the workpiece to break away portions of the workpiece substantially simultaneously with, or subsequent to, the one or more splitting members engaging the workpiece.

63. (Currently amended) The method of claim 62, wherein at least some of the first plurality of projections break away portions of the workpiece subsequent to the one or more splitting members engaging the workpiece.

64. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37, wherein at least some of the first plurality of projections are positioned to travel into the workpiece during the splitting operation.

Claims 65-69 (canceled)

70. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37, wherein the one or more splitting members ~~comprise portions of at least some of the projections~~ a plurality of projections separate from the first plurality of projections.